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BIASABLE END REGION, APPARATUS  
INCLUDING SAME, AND METHOD OF  
USE

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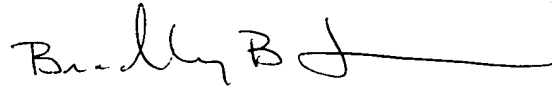
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